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Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CONTROLLING A GAP BETWEEN CONDUCTORS IN AN ELECTRO-MECHANICAL DEVICE**

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- ☒ Response/Amendment
☐ New fee as calculated below
☐ No additional fee
☒ Other Restriction

- ☐ Petition to extend time to respond
☐ Supplemental Declaration

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TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$50	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$200	\$ 0
<input type="checkbox"/> FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$360	\$ 0
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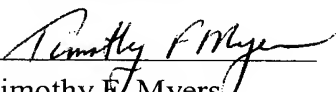
RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In response to the Office Action dated March 22, 2007, Applicants respectfully traverse Examiner's statement that "[c]urrently, no claims are generic." Applicants believe that at least claims 1, 2, 7-10, 16, 17, and 34 are generic and read on each species. However, Applicant provisionally elects the species 1 of Figures 1-4, and 10 on which claims 1-10, 13-18, and 20-34 read. If upon examination any generic claims are found to be allowable, further species claims that include or incorporate the elements of an generic claim would accordingly contain patentable subject matter that would then warrant full examination.

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully request that the requirement for restriction be withdrawn upon reconsideration.

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